



Lower Passaic River and Newark Bay



Community Involvement Plan Update

Purpose

- **Combined effort (Federal, State, partners and stakeholders) to engage and inform the public of ongoing restoration and remediation activities in the Lower Passaic River and Newark Bay study.**

What is a Community Involvement Plan?

- **Provides Background & History of the Lower Passaic River**
- **Profiles the Community**
- **Identifies Key Community Concerns**
- **Outlines Tools and Activities for Community Involvement**

CIP Overview

Goals

- Provide accurate, timely, and understandable project information
- Provide communication's tools to match community concerns
- Establish process for public to provide input and understand their role in decision-making process
- Provide the public with access to project team

Community Interviews

- More than 50 individuals across variety of interest groups, stakeholders, and City and State representatives interviewed.
- Diversity of interests represented including environment, local economy, environmental justice, fishing and recreation, and land preservation and sustainable development.
- Interviews held in several geographic locations from Keyport to Clifton, New Jersey.
- “Common threads” regarding the Passaic River and Newark Bay were found among the stakeholders’ concerns and interests.

Community Interviews and Common Threads

- Human Health and Quality of Life
 - Dispelling myths
 - Fishing Advisories and Health- Environmental Justice
 - Legacy of Diamond Alkali
 - Address Quality of Life issues
- Waterfront Development and waterfront access
- Public Perception and Expectations
 - Clarify who is involved?
 - "Another study without end" syndrome (show interim action)
- Public Participation and Communication- Education and Tools

CIP Next Steps

- Post community interview summary on web site.
- Prepare CIP using community interviews as a blueprint for concerns and issues
- Present CIP to public for input
- Incorporate public comment
- Finalize CIP
- Identify interim public outreach actions to undertake during CIP process
- Establish Community Involvement Workgroup?

Upcoming Activities

- Website Update and Listserv Activation
- Community Events
- Municipalities Outreach
- Public Forum
- Media Tour regarding summer sampling
- Public Scoping Meeting

Questions?